

Worship Commission Minutes

April 8, 2025

10:30 am Egg Harbor

Members present: Kathy Wolff, Connie Brandt, Mickie Mostardi, Sharon Fitzgerald, Shirley Raasch, Marilyn Holland, Angela Packard, Deacon Tony Abts, Larry Leporte, Father Tom, Mary Gomoll, Diane Kahlscheuer

Opening Prayer: *given by Sharon*

Welcome /check-in: *everyone gave a short update*

Approval of minutes from 3.11.2025: *Connie moved to accept March minutes; Mickie seconded the motion. Minutes approved.*

Old business: review Feb. 11 suggestion to Christmas mass schedule: eliminate overcrowding at the 4 pm in Egg Harbor by relocating the 8 am mass to Baileys Harbor.

Proposed 2025 Christmas schedule would be:

- Christmas Eve: 10:30am @ Washington Island; 4 pm @ Fish Creek and Sister Bay; 10 pm @ Baileys Harbor
- Christmas morning: 8 am @ Egg Harbor; 10 am @ Jacksonport

Sharon gave her reasoning for the suggested change because of overcrowding in Egg Harbor for the 4pm mass and less attendance at the 6pm mass in Fish Creek. Shirley stated it was hard for her to be sacristan at the 10pm mass and 8am mass at Baileys Harbor. Father Tom said he wanted the 8am Mass to stay at Baileys Harbor to keep the mass time consistent and weather consideration. The final suggestion was to eliminate the 6pm mass on Christmas Eve.

The 2025 Christmas Schedule will be:

*Christmas Eve: 10:30am @ Washington Island; 4pm @ Fish Creek and Sister Bay;
10pm @ Egg Harbor*

Christmas Day: 8am @ Baileys Harbor; 10am @ Jacksonport

New Business:

I. Faith Formation:

Angela

- **Review booklets for Stations of the Cross:** *she stated that the parish has recently received a lot of sample pamphlets and wondered if we needed any at any site or wanted to add new ones. The parish has a lot of children Stations of the Cross pamphlets. Deacon Tony said we have at least 100 Pope Francis Stations pamphlets at the Sister Bay site. Angela will look for others in the many closets to organize them and make them available for other sites.*
- **May Crowning and fellowship @Sister Bay on May 4:** *We will need to bring the Mary statue over from Baileys Harbor, make a crown, plan a procession with a song. Two songs were suggested: On this Day, O Beautiful Mother and Bring Flowers of the Rarest.*

II. Parish Operations:

Larry

- **Pastoral Associate:** *(Jan Malchow) Larry want to plant the seed for future discussion of the ministry. The requests for hoe visits, bringing communion to the sick, and event attendance at Scandia for this ministry continue to increase. Is there something the worship commission could do to support Jan's ministry? It was suggested we have Jan come to a meeting to explain the details of his ministry to see where we might offer assistance.*

- **Discussion re Succession:** *Father Tom will be retiring July 1, 2026. Deacon Tony stated there is a process the Diocese follows with the priest personnel board. He suggested we find out more about the process so we could prepare for discussions. He will talk with Father Tom and then contact the diocese to find out more information about the process. Several of us remembered the previous discussions. Some suggestions we need to emphasize in the discussions for our next pastor: the availability of confessions, offering of all the sacraments, English speaking.*
- **Building and grounds:** *Larry stated there is a proposal to obtain the hearing loop in other sites. It is currently at Baileys Harbor and Fish Creek would be first on the list. It takes 4-5 years to get installed and the cost currently is \$9000 and also depends on the building construction.*

Projects underway:

- I. **Improve recruitment of ministers for Egg and Baileys Harbor:** *A lively discussion included old and new suggestion's: Pat Daubner sent letters to 5 people asking to volunteer to be sacristans (only received 1 reply); Mickie suggested we recruit at the fellowship coffees after masses; Shirley asked about getting a list of interested people from the stewardship forms; Angela will talk with the confirmation students next year about fulfilling their volunteer hours as ushers, and servers; Larry suggested we could use the bulletin to Spotlight the ministries with a description, training available, a list of the duties, and an understanding priest; and we could have testimonials given at some masses.*

The positions scheduled/ filled for Palm Sunday, April 12, 2025: *positions are filled but Father will ask parishioners if they would be interested in getting their feet washed on Holy Thursday.*

- Sacristan-Egg Harbor and Baileys Harbor
- Extraordinary minister: 1 each at Egg Harbor and Baileys Harbor
- Ushers: 1 needed at both Egg Harbor and Baileys Harbor
- Altar servers: needed at Egg Harbor; 3 out of 4 servers Baileys Harbor
- Cantor: not filled for Egg Harbor
- Courier: filled Baileys Harbor and Egg Harbor

How can we identify and reach potential ministers?? *Larry said there was a new system for signing up on the Stewardship form that will flag new interest and he will let the sites know of the interested parishioners.*

- II. **Review rosters of Ministers for Triduum: (on MSP as of 4.6.25 3:25pm):** *positions are filled and there will be a collection on Good Friday. The cup will also be offered on Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil*

Holy Thursday: (in addition to Fr. Tom and Deacon Tony)

- Sacristan
- Two servers
- Three extraordinary ministers
- Three ushers
- Two readers
- Four cantors
- Courier

Good Friday (in addition to Fr. Tom and Deacon Tony)

- Sacristan
- Two servers:
- Three extraordinary ministers
- Three ushers
- Two readers
- Four cantors
- No courier

Easter Vigil: (in addition to Fr. Tom and Deacon Tony): *Parishioners from Washington Island will help with the readings (Margie O'Connor, and David Grzelak) and Eucharistic Minister for the cup (Mary Grzelak). Also, Diane Kahlscheuer and Steve O'Connor will sing with the cantors.*

- Sacristan
- Two servers: Ed Miller and 1 other who has requested a sub
- Two extraordinary ministers with 1 unfilled spot
- Three ushers
- Two readers
- Three cantors
- Courier

Update on Easter flowers: *Larry stated there were generous donations given with the collection envelopes. Mary stated the flowers will arrive on Wednesday April 16th at 11:00am at the Fish Creek site. 10 extra flowers were ordered for two weeks after Easter to keep the Easter environment looking good. Schroeder's does give us a discount. Mary will talk with Schroeder's about flowers and plant rentals for the Anniversary celebration. Father also suggested we might want to check with the flower shop in Luxemburg for the Anniversary celebration.*

Other?

Future discussion topics for May 13, 2025

Leadership planning conference discussion questions on p. 3 of Conference outline

Larry suggested we need to have more discussion on "How to bring people to Christ". He also stated that Catholics "evangelize vs proselytize".

Next meeting: May 13, 2025

Leader of prayer for May 13: